

# FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

## Photograph



## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Lisa Mausolf

**Organization:** Lexington Historical Commission

**Date (month / year):** May 2008

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

63/50

Boston  
North

1551

**Town:** Lexington

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)  
Upper Meriam Hill

**Address:** 7 Berwick Road

**Historic Name:**

**Uses:** Present: residential

Original: residential

**Date of Construction:** c.1910

**Source:** maps, visual inspection

**Style/Form:** Craftsman Colonial

**Architect/Builder:** unknown

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: rubble

Wall/Trim: aluminum siding

Roof: asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
garage

**Major Alterations (*with dates*):**

Date? – siding, alt. to sunporch, deck, rear add.

**Condition:** fair (due to siding)

**Moved:** no | x | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 0.32 acre

**Setting:** early 20<sup>th</sup> century residential neighborhood

**INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET**

LEXINGTON

7 BERWICK ROAD

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\_\_\_\_ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

Incorporating elements of the Colonial Revival and Craftsman styles, 7 Berwick Road is a two-story, hip-roofed dwelling sheathed in aluminum siding and set above a rubble foundation. The asphalt-shingled roof displays overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails. The center entrance contains a paneled door flanked by sidelights and is sheltered by a pedimented entrance porch supported by two pairs of attenuated posts. On either side of the entrance is a set of three windows. The upper story of the façade is punctuated by three individual, double-hung windows containing 8/1 sash. To the west of the main house block is a single-story porch which has seen the introduction of new fenestration.

To the east of the main house is a detached garage dating to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century garage.

**HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

The house at 7 Berwick Road (known as 16 Berwick Road until about 1935) was constructed on land (lot 63 and part of 64) that was part of the Oakmount Park subdivision, initially laid out in 1903. There was no house on this site at the time of the 1906 map. The earliest known owner was Clarence Collieson who was living here in 1920 with his wife Genevieve and their three daughters. Collieson was born in Canada and was the president of a leather company. By 1930 the house was owned and occupied by George and Katherine Pumpelly. The house had been acquired by Edward and Elizabeth Washburn by 1968.

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1906 map